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COMPONENTS (As Amended)

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

Abstract

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING AND FOR TRANSPORTING
ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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The invention relates to an apparatus and a method for packaging and for transporting electronic devices (2), ~~in which~~. The devices include coverings (6) made of a material that shrinks under the action of temperature ~~that~~ are pressed into receptacles (43) of a belt-type carrier body (4). Electronic devices (2) ~~in each case being~~ ~~are~~ inserted into the open front sides (61) of said coverings. A belt top side (41) and underside (42) are in each case closed off with a covering sheet (52, 53), after which the belt-type carrier body is heated.

{Figure 6}